

Vision, Mission, Roles and Values

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FACT SHEET

Our **vision** for Washington State is a place where:

- Individuals will not get preventable cancer.
- Those individuals with detectable cancers are diagnosed in the earliest stage of the disease.
- Those individuals with treatable cancers are given the highest quality state-of-the-art care necessary to assure their survival and quality of life.
- Those individuals in the end stages of incurable cancers are cared for in a way that maximizes the quality of their life and death.
- Full support is given to research directed toward understanding the causes of cancers and toward improving prevention, early detection, treatment, and palliation.

Our **mission** is to:

- Reduce cancer incidence and mortality.
- Increase equity in access to appropriate preventative, diagnostic, medical, and palliative care.
- Maximize the quality of life for individuals with cancer.
- Promote research.
- Educate consumers, providers, payers, and policy makers on cancer issues.

Our **role** is to provide leadership in and advocacy for:

- Identifying and prioritizing needs.
- Identifying resources and interventions.
- Coordinating activities.
- Assuring health workforce, equipment, and service availability.
- Assuring financial resources are available.

We **value** a process that encourages broad participation and is:

- Prevention oriented.
- Science based.
- Data driven.
- Culturally competent.
- Survivor informed.
- Outcome oriented.
- Comprehensive in nature.
- Respectful of individual's autonomy and rights, including patients' right to fully informed consent.